

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of, ~~and~~ claims priority to, and entirely incorporates U.S. Patent 6,692,007 ~~Application 09/999,654~~, which was filed October 31, 2001 as U.S. Patent Application 09/999,654, issued February 17, 2004, and entitled Improved Seal For A Shaft. --